

Youth Advisory Board and to improve city infrastructure. He worked on reforming the city's police department, in particular pushing for the hiring of minorities and encouraging black and white police officers to learn from each other. He also played a key role in opening the Von D. Mizell Community Center in Fort Lauderdale's Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood. The significance of his work was recognized when, in 2002, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission named the recreation center at Bass Park in his honor and passed a resolution naming Andrew as an Honored Founder of the city.

Madam Speaker, I will treasure Andrew's memory, and although his life has come to an end, his legacy will live on for generations to come. He will be remembered for his generosity and poise, characteristics which enabled him to improve the lives, and earn the respect, of all those who knew him. I am proud and fortunate to call Andrew my friend, and will miss him dearly.

IN RESPONSE TO H.R. 1105

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, the Democrats in Congress have a spending problem. House Democrats spent \$410 billion to fund earmarks such as: \$6.3 billion for AIDS prevention and research and \$1.4 million for energy efficient street lighting in Detroit. The Democrat leadership of this body believes that we can spend our way out of a recession. They believe that a Washington bureaucrat can tell you what is best for you and your family.

But House Republicans know this isn't so. We know that Americans are the hardest working people in the world. We know that Americans are innovative, inspiring, and resilient. Americans are the life-force of the world economy. What the American people need are tax breaks and sales tax credits so they can continue to run their small businesses, create jobs, and rejuvenate our economy. What the American people do not need is more spending for liberal special interest groups. They need opportunities for innovation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was not able to reach the House floor to cast my vote on Rollcall 415 on June 17, 2008, prior to the vote closing. Had I been able to reach the floor before the vote was closed, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTER LIEUTENANT JIMMY MCCASKEY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor and recognize

the bravery of Bartlett Firefighter Lieutenant Jimmy McCaskey.

While vacationing in Florida Lt. McCaskey showed the highest form of human compassion and bravery when he risked his own life to save a father and son caught in the grasp of a powerful rip current generated by a hurricane while hundreds of beachgoers stood on the shore and watched. When Lt. McCaskey reached the two swimmers he lifted the father who was already blue in the face out of the water, onto his boogie board and kept him alert for 20 agonizing minutes while being relentlessly battered down upon from all directions by a surging sea until help finally arrived. Thankfully, this fisher of men narrowly escaped his own death.

In honor of this extraordinary act of selflessness, Lt. Jimmy McCaskey was awarded the Medal of Valor which is one of the highest honors for bravery a firefighter can receive. This award is administered by the 100 Club of Memphis and was presented to Lt. McCaskey due to his outstanding performance without regard for personal safety which should stand as an inspiration to all men and women across Tennessee and our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in both thanking and congratulating Lt. Jimmy McCaskey for his heroism; he is, indeed, a worthy recipient of this outstanding honor. And may God bless all of the Jimmy McCaskeys of America.

DONNA DENT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I am proud to say that one of my constituents, Donna Dent, was part of the heroic emergency landing of US Airways flight 1549 that recently made headlines as a "miracle on the Hudson." Donna and her husband Bill live in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Donna is known by family, friends, and neighbors as an unshakably calm, responsible, and warm person. As one of the flight attendants on duty, Donna was an integral part of ensuring all 150 passengers aboard the flight made it to safety while the plane quickly filled with water.

With two decades of experience, Donna is known to have a knack for keeping passengers calm on flights, especially children. There is no doubt that she was an asset in preparing passengers for a crash and keeping passengers composed enough to exit the aircraft safely once it hit the river.

When people go out of their way to do service for others in such a kind and selfless manner it renews our faith in humanity. We are lucky to have had such a wonderful person from the Fifth District of North Carolina on duty and working to make the "miracle on the Hudson" truly a miracle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 9956, Trenton, New Jersey 08650

Description of Request: I have secured a \$56,000 designated grant for the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation, Check 'Em Out program in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding is to be used to purchase equipment to assist in background checks on volunteers at community recreation departments and athletic leagues. The Kanka Foundation is fundraising to share in the cost of this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DARE New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 292 Prospect Plains Road, Cranberry, New Jersey 08512

Description of Request: DARE New Jersey, Inc. is listed as receiving a \$200,000 grant for the High School Drug and Safety Prevention Project in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to teach students proper decision making skills and how to resist peer pressure in order to live drug and violence free lives. DARE's current budget includes additional funding for this program.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Police Athletic League of New Jersey

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 South Street, Freehold, NJ 07728

Description of Request: The Police Athletic League of New Jersey, PAL of NJ After School Initiative, is listed as receiving \$1,500,000 in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be used to provide after school athletic activities for students 8–16 years old in order to deter juvenile crime. PAL is committed to raising additional funding through local business and individual donations.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Trenton Area YMCA

Address of Requesting Entity: 431 Pennington Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08075

Description of Request: I have secured a \$450,000 federal grant for the Greater Trenton Area YMCA in Division B of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This funding will be allocated for the completion of the new YMCA